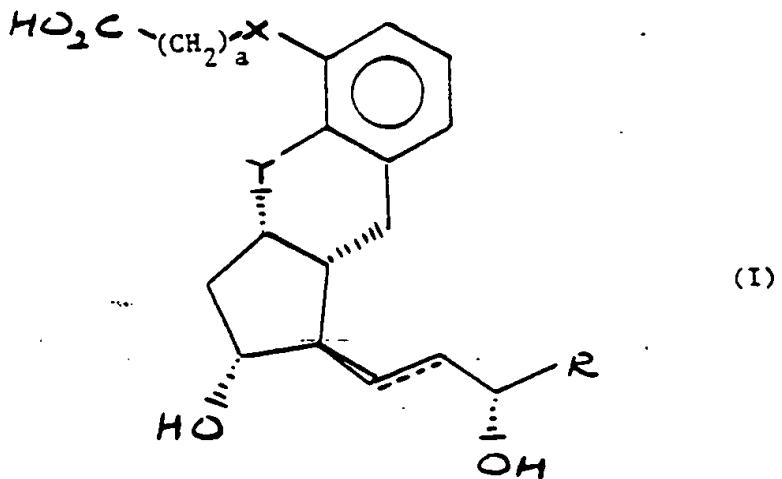


ABSTRACTCompounds for use in medicine

The present invention is concerned with methods for the prophylaxis, treatment and diagnosis of pulmonary hypertension which comprise the administration of an effective amount of a compound of formula (I)



P1 wherein a is an integer of from 1 to 3;

P1, P3 X and Y, which may be the same or different, are selected from -O- and $\beta\text{-CH}_2-$;

P1, P3, R is $-(\text{CH}_2)_5\text{R}^1$ wherein R^1 is hydrogen or methyl, or R is cyclohexyl, or
P1, P3, S7 R is $-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CH}_2\text{C}\equiv\text{CCH}_3$; and

P1 the dotted line represents an optional double bond;

PS or of a physiologically acceptable salt or acid derivative thereof.

PA Medicaments and diagnostic aids for use in the methods of the invention are also within the scope of the invention.